THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

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WRIT PETITION No.16414 of 2003

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05.8.2005

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Between:

Kudupudi Satyanarayana, S/o.Appa Rao,

Aged about 50 years, R/o.Bheemavaram,

West Godavari District.

... Petitioner

AND

1. The Superintendent of Police, East Godavari District at Kakinada.

And three others.

... Respondents

ORDER:

The petitioner conducts skill games, ring throw, ball box, video games, dart throw and steel games during festive and auspicious days by wandering villages in Visakhapatnam, West Godavari, East Godavari and Guntur Districts. Alleging that the respondents are unnecessarily interfering with the games, he filed the writ petition seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in interfering with the business by obstructing the running of skill games is illegal and arbitrary. This Court while admitting the writ petition on 14.08.2003 passed interim orders in W.P.M.P.No.20365 of 2003 directing the respondents not to interfere with the lawful activities of the petitioner trade fair.

In the counter affidavit filed by the third respondent, it is stated that the police never interfered with the skill games conducted by the petitioner and in fact no permission is required to conduct the skill games except for the game of gambling. The allegation that the officials are harassing the petitioner with a view to squeeze money is specifically denied. In that view of the matter, the writ petition is disposed of in terms of the interim order in W.P.M.P.No.20365 of 2003 dated 14.08.2003. It shall however be open to the respondents to take action against any illegal activities of the petitioner. There shall be no order as to costs.

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(V.V.S.RAO,J)

August 05, 2005.

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